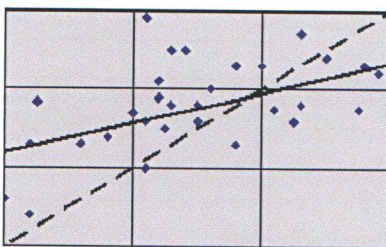


INTEGRATED REASONING

A NEW SECTION

In June 2012, the GMAT® exam will introduce a groundbreaking section designed to measure test takers' ability to evaluate information presented in new formats and from multiple sources. The Integrated Reasoning score will provide a new data point for schools to differentiate among candidates.

NEW, INNOVATIVE QUESTION FORMATS



Graphics Interpretation: Graphs or graphical images must be interpreted to fill in the blanks of answer statements accurately.

Organization A	Organization B	Rate of increase
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	10
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	30
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	40
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	120
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	130
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Two-Part Analysis Solutions involve two components, and possible answers will be in a table format with a column for each component.

Sort By	Airport City
Select...	
Airport City	
Amsterdam	Airport Country
Atlanta	Airport Code
Beijing	Passengers Number
Charlotte	USA
	CLT

Table Analysis: A sortable table, similar to a spreadsheet, has to be analyzed to determine whether statements are accurate.

Email #1	Email #2	Email #3
Email from administrator to research		
January 15, 10:46 a.m.		
Yesterday was the deadline for our receipt from doctors who were invited to participate		

Multi-Source Reasoning: Different data from two or three tabbed pages must be used to answer the questions.

SKILLS BEING MEASURED

The Integrated Reasoning section will test skills identified as important for incoming students by a survey of 740 business school faculty worldwide:

- To assimilate and integrate information from different sources to solve challenging problems.
- To accurately interpret data presented visually in graphs to determine or estimate probabilities and statistics.
- To recognize and evaluate tradeoffs and the likelihood of outcomes.
- To convert quantitative data between graphical and verbal formats.

KEY DATES

June 2011:

GMAC provides specifications for score report data files taking effect in June 2012.

July-August 2011:

Non-scored research section given to current GMAT test takers.

January 2012:

Non-scored research section given to current GMAT test takers.

April 2012:

The Integrated Reasoning score scale is published, and online training on using the scores is available.

Upgraded test prep materials are released.

June 2012:

Next Generation GMAT exam launches.

TEST STRUCTURE AND SCORES

While the order of the sections has not been determined, the total length of the exam will remain 3 hours, 30 minutes (approximately four hours with breaks).

- The GMAT Verbal, Quantitative, AWA, and Total scores will not change.
- The Analytical Writing Assessment will consist of one 30-minute essay (Analysis of an Argument) rather than two.
- The Integrated Reasoning section will have 12 questions.
- Test takers will receive a separate score for the Integrated Reasoning section. Like the AWA score, the Integrated Reasoning score will not count toward the Total Score.

Current GMAT exam		Next Generation GMAT Exam	
Analytical Writing Assessment		Analytical Writing Assessment	
Analysis of an Argument	30 minutes	Analysis of an Argument	30 minutes
Analysis of an Issue	30 minutes		
		Integrated Reasoning	30 minutes
Quantitative	75 minutes	Quantitative	75 minutes
Verbal	75 minutes	Verbal	75 minutes
Total	3 hours, 30 minutes	Total	3 hours, 30 minutes

FAQS:

Q: Why is the Integrated Reasoning section being added?

A: Since 1953, the GMAT exam has been developed for business schools, by business schools, and it has evolved along with their needs. In a 2009 survey, 740 management faculty worldwide indicated that Integrated Reasoning skills are a prerequisite for 21st century management students.

Q: When can test takers expect to get their scores?

A: Unofficial score reports, with Verbal, Quantitative and Total scores, will continue to be given immediately after the test to those who accept their scores. Official Score Reports will be available 20 days after the test date. GMAC has published a 20-day score report turnaround for many years, but test takers and programs have become accustomed to a much faster reporting time. With the Integrated Reasoning launch, GMAC will publish Official Score Reports as quickly as possible, but it will take close to 20 days to ensure that all Integrated Reasoning scores are equivalent. Schools may want to encourage candidates to test well in advance of program deadlines.

Q: How will the Next Generation GMAT exam be structured?

A: A 30-minute Integrated Reasoning section, which will contain 12 questions, will be added. The Analytical Writing Assessment will be streamlined to one essay instead of two. The order of the sections has not been determined. With breaks, the exam should still last approximately four hours.

Q: Why is the writing section being streamlined?

A: Admissions directors have said, and recent research has shown, that most test takers get similar scores on both essays, making a single essay acceptable for predicting performance.

Q: Will the Next Generation GMAT exam allow calculator use?

A: An online calculator with basic functions will be available for Integrated Reasoning, but not for the Quantitative section. Test takers are not and will not be allowed to bring calculators into the testing room.

Q: Is the new section computer adaptive?

A: No, but some questions may have multiple parts. Test takers may not skip questions.

Q: What do we need to do to our systems to make sure we can receive the new score?

A: Go to gmac.com/NextGenScores for the new CSV and TXT data file format sheets, which include a three-digit Integrated Reasoning score. Other changes are being made to enhance the data schools receive with scores. For technical support, email gmatprogram@gmac.com. The score scale will be published by April 2012.

For more information, go to gmac.com/NextGen